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REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

TO THE VILLAGE OF RUTLAND:

At the first meeting after the annual village election, the Board of Trustees organized by the election of Dr. Charles F. Adams, President, and Joel M. Haven, Clerk.

HIGHWAYS AND STREETS.

The highways and streets have received the largest attention, and consequently have involved the greatest expenditure of the year. All the work and expenditure amounts to \$7,430 15. On the organization of the board, Frederick Chaffee was appointed superintendent of highways and streets. After a month's service, his resignation was presented and accepted. The expenditure during the period of his service was \$347 83. Deeming it advisable that the expenditures in this department should be kept within the control of the Trustee, Dr. Charles F. Adams, a member of the board, was appointed superintendent. At an early day, the superintendent recommended as a matter of economy, the purchase of a gravel bed, more accessible and requiring less distance of transportation, as well as the saving of an annual expenditure for gravel in addition to its transport. In accordance with this suggestion, the Trustees examined and made a purchase of one acre of land for a gravel pit, of Evelyn Pierpoint, located just west of the Catholic cemetery, for the sum of \$1,000, paying therefor \$200 annually, with interest, for five years, \$200 of which was paid at the time of the purchase. The experience of the year has proved that the gravel has been delivered in the village at 65 cents a load, against a cost under the old method of \$1.00 per load, thus making a saving of 35 per cent. and procuring gravel of a better quality for highway purposes.

The superintendent has constructed one hundred and twenty-five rods of stone road, at an expense of \$16 per rod, involving an expenditure of \$2,000. This work has been done on Strong's avenue, Forest and Grove streets. This is be-

lieved to be a permanent work that will require very little attention for a series of years. Substantial culverts of cement pipe have been built at various points in the village, and the experience of the past winter and spring has fully demonstrated that this plan of constructing culverts is superior to the old method. Extensive and needed repairs have been made on the roads, on the Turnpike and in Green street. The expenditure on each of the streets will be seen in the detailed statement appended to this report. The large expenditure on Wales street was occasioned by the necessity of putting in a sewer extending from Center and West street, for the purpose of conveying the surface water from the several streets to the brook in Willow street. The northern section of Wales street has been raised and put in a permanent condition, a much required improvement.

It was the purpose to have done work on Washington street, but on examination it was found that much temporary work had been done heretofore that had availed little, and it was deemed best to suspend repairs on that street until proper sewerage should be constructed, and then the street could be put in a good condition by permanent repairs, and that all work done on the street until then would be but a useless expenditure of money.

On a general survey it may seem that a more extended work should have been done on all the streets, and that there has been a seeming neglect of some localities. It has been the aim and purpose of the Board to make the most needed repairs on the most frequented streets, and to do the work permanently, so that the annual temporary expenditure for such purposes might be lessened from year to year, giving the village good and permanent roads, and when this has been accomplished the annual tax will be sufficient to keep them in good condition.

SIDEWALKS.

It was thought desirable that a uniformity of grade should be secured in the construction of sidewalks, and the Trustees instructed the superintendent to secure as far as possible uniformity in all new walks, and remedy the defects in those already built. Also to remove all obstructions on the sidewalks; removing railings to entrances to basements, and place them on the line of the street where it was feasible. In com-

pliance with this instruction he has graded and put in better condition the sidewalks in Merchants' Row and Center street. New walks have been laid in several streets and repairs made in others. It is believed that the sidewalks in the principal thoroughfares are in a satisfactory condition, and that as a whole the streets are in a good condition, except where they have been affected by the rains and frosts of the present spring.

The services of the superintendent have met the approval of the Board of Trustees. Dr. Adams having peremptorily refused all remuneration for his services, he has been paid only his actual expenses, amounting to \$329 75.

SEWERAGE.

On a full examination and consideration of the condition of the village, the Trustees came to the conclusion that some steps must be taken to early secure proper sewerage, both for the health and comfort of the people, as well as a permanent improvement, long desired and required. Accordingly, a village meeting was called, which voted a tax of twenty-five cents on a dollar, for the purpose of inaugurating a thorough system of sewerage. A contract was made with Ripley Sons & Co. to manufacture the pipe, at an expense of about \$3,000. The lateness of the season, and the pipe not having become sufficiently hardened, it was not done last fall, the Trustees deeming it better that it should be deferred rather than that any risk should be incurred, or that any but permanent work constructed, believing it to be false economy to do any temporary work. Two thousand dollars has been reserved, of the money appropriated, for the laying of the pipe, which should be done as early the present season as the condition of the ground will admit.

LIGHTING OF STREETS.

A contract was made with the People's Gas Light Company at a stipulated price per post, and the time to be determined by the same calculation that governs the lighting of the streets in the larger towns and cities. Ten new lamps have been added, making 32 in all. The expense of street lamps has been reduced nearly two hundred dollars from the previous year, notwithstanding the addition of ten more lights. It is thought that a still greater reduction can be made in this expense the

coming year, and yet more lights be provided in streets not now supplied, and those that are not sufficiently lighted at the present time.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

We would call attention to the detailed report of J. M. Davis, Chief Engineer of the Fire Department. During the year the attention of the Trustees was called to the condition of the hose, and a committee appointed to make examination of its condition. They reported there was sufficient hose in condition for the present legitimate use of the fire department, unless extraordinary circumstances should require the purchase of an additional quantity. The Chief Engineer reports the hose at this date not to be sufficient, and what there is as almost useless, and recommends the purchase of 1,500 feet of good, serviceable hose. The Trustees having the present year drawn an order of eleven hundred dollars for new hose, purchased but a little period previous to their election, and from the report of their committee supposing that there was sufficient in condition for the legitimate use of the department at fires, have deferred any new purchase of hose, to submit the subject to the annual meeting. The village are already owing five thousand dollars or more for the Killington steamer.

The expenses of the fire department during the past year have been \$2,059.83, to which add the order of \$1,100 drawn by them for new hose previously purchased, make them \$3,159.83. The expenditure of the fire department in 1868 was \$2,062.23; the cost of steamer \$5,000. Thus making the expenses of the fire department in the past two years \$10,222.12. It will be seen that the ordinary expenses of the department in 1868 and 1869 vary but a few dollars. The extraordinary expense in the purchase of a steamer and new hose \$6100, with interest on the money for the purchase of steamer to this date.

In consideration of these facts, the Board of Trustees did not feel justified in making any more expenditures than the actual necessities required, without instructions from the village.

The Trustees endorse the recommendation of the Chief Engineer for the purchase of 1,500 feet of good, serviceable hose, for the use of the fire department. We hope the village will take liberal action in the matter, and make ample provision for the contingencies of this department. It is a question whether

more ample provisions should not be made for the accommodation of the Killington (steamer), Washington Engine Company No. 2, and the Hook and Ladder—perhaps in a new building, where all can be sufficiently provided for, and better protect the property of the fire department, and as a matter of economy to the village. We have happily escaped during the past year from serious ravages of fire, and our firemen have been relieved from the great labors of previous years, for which our citizens owe such a debt of gratitude and honor; and should our calamities be no more in the future, the ordinary and extraordinary expenses will be materially reduced.

TAXES.

The Trustees are pleased to report to the village that all the taxes that can be secured have been collected, and a final settlement made with the collector. Mr. Willis has been indefatigable and prompt in the performance of his duties and has a record that has rarely if ever been presented before at least for many years that the collection of taxes has been closed with the current year. No salaries have been paid except to the clerk of the Board of Trustees. The Trustees have drawn orders for \$2,906.71 for indebtedness contracted by the previous board, which was not reported last year, and should not be included in the expenses of the current year. Although the current expenditures of the present year are three thousand dollars less than in 1868, yet so great an amount has been paid upon old orders that it yet leaves a large amount to be provided for. The old debts of the corporation should be paid. We recommend a tax be raised sufficient to pay for the steamer, some \$5,200, and other debts, and provide money for the current expenses of the coming year.

RESERVOIR.

The attention of the village is called to the financial report of the Water Commissioners, and the Committee for the Construction of the Reservoir. The condition of the Work on the new reservoir and its completion will come before the annual meeting. The committee will undoubtedly be prepared to give a statement of their views in reference to the subject. We learn that it is estimated that the sum of two thousand dollars will put it in condition for use, and that the sum of six thousand dollars will fully complete the work.

In compliance with the charter and a vote of the village, at the last annual meeting, the Trustees have defined the boundaries of the several Wards, which may be found elsewhere.

The Chief of Police and the police force of the village have made one hundred and forty-nine arrests, for intoxication, disturbances of the peace and crime, during the year. One hundred and twenty-two have been for public drunkenness. Each one of these cases have been dealt with under the law.

We thus present a statement of our official acts, and return to the people the trust committed to us, hoping that the village and its interests have received no detriment at our hands.

JOEL M. HAVEN,	}	Trustees.
JOHN B. PAGE,		
HENRY CLARK,		
HENRY O. EDSON,		
LORING ATWOOD,		
CHARLES F. ADAMS,		
E. L. FOSTER,		

ORDERS DRAWN BY THE VILLAGE TRUSTEES,

During the Year ending April 27th, 1870.

FOR OLD BILLS CONTRACTED BEFORE THE PRESENT BOARD
WERE ELECTED.

Landon & Bates, for highways.....	\$ 301 28
Wm. Rice, building culvert,.....	10 00
Geo. D. Putnam & Co., for hose.....	1100 00
George R. Reed, for care of parks.....	3 00
Tuttle & Co., printing water bonds, &c....	68 75
M. & H. O. Edson, lumber, ...	34 01
Mansfield & Stinson, gas posts, &c.....	500 00
James H. Dyer, uniforms, No. 1, by vote of the village.....	479 00
McLenn & Robbins,.....	3 50
J. R. Priest, night watch.....	85 33
People's Gas Light Co., gas,.....	102 06
" " repairs,....	58 15
Edgerton & Nicholson, attorney's fees.....	29 00
W. H. Smith, " 	71 55
C. H. Joyce, " 	13 43
Rev. Charles Boylan, for culvert, ...	22 87
H. G. Clark, sidewalk,.....	14 00
John Landon, night watch,.....	8 00
E. A. Pond, alcohol, &c,.....	3. 78

\$2,908 71

FOR HIGHWAYS.

F. Chaffee's bill, cleaning the Sts., and hauling gravel into Church, Grove, Cottage, West and Center Sts.	\$347 83
Dr. C. F. Adams' bills for labor and materials as follows: Grove street, ...	437 79
Merchants' Row, ...	515 28
Madison street, ...	79 50
West "	779 27
Pine "	95 25
Green "	92 00
Washington street, ...	181 00
Chestnut Avenue	70 75
Wales street, including Messrs. Ripley Sons' bill for cement pipe, \$456.75	997 50
Summer street, ...	205 13
Church "	22 00
Strong's Avenue	1835 91
Terrill street, ...	57 50
Main "	100 00
Turapike "	90 75
Center "	1031 00
Forest "	337 50
Edson "	14 50
C. L. Long, bill grates, repairing tools, &c., ...	29 57
Clement & Sons, marble for walks, ...	23 50
North Rutland Marble Co., marble for walks, ...	51 65
O. Holman, work on sidewalks, ...	29 00
J. L. Brothers, "	22 50
E. L. Foster, "	3 00
E. M. Rounds, mason work, ...	14 00
Archie Stewart, mason work and materials, ...	15 03
M. & H. O. Edson, planks, &c., ...	131 41
B. N. Lampman, sidewalks in front of Ralph Smith's, Charles Potter, Emma Edson, Geo. W. Chaplin, H. O. Perkins, Ben Tilley, Thos. Kershaw, J. W. King, N. C. Dye, Thos. Fiske, Congregational church, O. Brown, etc., ...	238 33
Landou & Hinton, bill scrapers, plows, shovels, picks, cement, &c., ...	120 46
Graves & Son, tan bark, ...	4 00
A. F. Davis, plank, &c., ...	33 89
Coburn & Ryan, work on sidewalks, ...	5 40
C. F. Richardson, sidewalks, ...	65 00
Sprague & Kingsley, "	32 20
N. J. Green, "	14 00
Thos. Ross & Co., grates, ...	23 71
Edson, for lumber, ...	17 29
L. G. Kingsley, bill of tools, &c., ...	23 41
Lease and Kidlon, for awnings, ...	20 00
E. Pierpoint, for gravel, ...	200 00

\$7,907 8

ENGINE COMPANIES AND ENGINE HOUSES.

Burt Bro's, bill of work on hose, &c.	\$ 40 25
M. Blakeley & Co.	13 83
Uniform for No. 2.	200 00
Rutland M'f'g Co., chairs for Hook & Ladder Co..	76 25
S. Terrell, work on hook & ladder wagon.	7 00
A. F. Davis, <i>et al</i> , for shingles, and putting on Engine House No. 1.	107 92
Landon & Huntoon, bill for nails, etc.	6 70
E. L. Foster's bill for work on Engine house.	9 00
Orcutt, painting No. 1.	62 00
Labor bills repairing No. 1.	21 00
W. C. Landon, annual parade.	20 00
Lyon & Quinn, hauling engine.	6 00
Paize, Bowman & Co., bill rubber coats & boots. .	28 00
J. W. Cramton, rent of house.	382 00
J. M. Davis, testing hose.	3 00
Samuel Terrell, repairing hook & ladder wagon. .	8 75
M. S. Richardson and S. D. Jenness, work on Nickwacket engine.	87 82
Graded school for rent of ground.	18 00
Hook & Ladder Co. for care of house.	100 00
Mansfield & Stimson, repairing Nickwacket. . .	182 46
W. H. Lease, repairing hose, &c.	19 00
Chester Kingsley, oil for steamer.	10 85

\$1409 83

Killington \$350; Nickwacket, \$150; Washington, \$150. 650

\$2,059 83

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

A. J. Wane, lumber and labor on pound.	15 00
E. L. Foster, repairing hydrants.	3 00
John Cain for printing.	28 00
J. J. R. Randall for surveying.	56 50
James Brown " "	60 85
J. P. Woodbury, <i>et al</i> , making taxes.	30 00
Advertising village ordinance.	4 00
President Grant's reception.	80 00
Repairing fence to burying ground.	1 50
Glass and setting.	10 25
Rutland R. R. Co., office expenses.	25 00
J. M. Haven, clerk hire.	50 00
Tuttle & Co, for printing.	48 25
John Harris, watching fire.	1 50
Abatement of taxes.	28 12
Gas posts and setting same.	410 79
Gas bills.	1000 69
Night Watchman.	629 70
Reservoir near chair factory.	426 85

\$2,910 00

VILLAGE TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, April 26th, 1869,.....	\$	90	96
" of E. L. Stearns, collector,.....		260	56
" " " R. Frost,.....		26	76
" " " B. Haynes,...		47	76
" " George Willis, collector,.....		16,512	78
" " J. M. Haven, for licenses.....		157	00
			<u>\$17,095 82</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Cash paid one hundred and sixty-four orders drawn by Trustees, ...	\$15,412	89
Cash paid interest on orders, ...	453	68
" " water coupons (new reservoir).....	1,074	00
		<u>\$16,940 57</u>
Amount in hands of Treasurer,.....	155	25
		<u>\$17,095 82</u>

VILLAGE AQUEDUCT.

RECEIPTS.

Cash of James Barrett, water commissioner,.....	\$558	00
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DISBURSEMENTS.

Cash paid 90 water coupons, at \$6,...	\$540	00
" in hands of Treasurer,.....	18	00
		<u>\$558 00</u>

NEW RESERVOIR ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Cash received for sale of bonds, ...	\$18,050	00
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DISBURSEMENTS.

Cash paid seventy-eight (78) orders drawn by the Water Commissioners,.....	\$18,039	80
Cash in the hands of Treasurer,.....	10	20
		<u>\$18,050 00</u>

REPORT OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER

Of the Fire Department.

TO THE TRUSTEES AND VOTERS OF THE VILLAGE OF RUTLAND :

Agreeably to the Village By-Laws, prescribing the duties of the Chief Engineer, I herewith submit my report of the Fire Department for the past year.

LOSSES AND INSURANCE.

October 1st, 1869, at Rutland Railroad wood shop ; damage slight ; origin, locomotive sparks.

February 7th, 1870, Widow Winn's house on Green street ; house and contents consumed ; insured, \$350 ; supposed incendiary.

February 11th, building on Center street, owned by C. F. Richardson, and occupied by Lease & Brother ; extinguished without loss ; undoubtedly accidental.

February 27th, shed on Evelyn street, owned by G. C. Ruggles ; extinguished with slight loss ; supposed incendiary.

March 8th, blacksmith shop on Main street, owned by Joseph Gibson ; total loss, \$1,000 ; insured, \$400 ; accidental. Also, wagon shop, partially consumed ; no insurance.

April 5th, one story building in Nebraska, owned by Michael Fagan ; loss, \$600 ; insured, \$400 ; supposed incendiary.

April 16th, one and a half story house on turnpike, owned and occupied by James Johnston ; house total loss ; furniture mostly saved ; loss, \$600 ; insured for \$200 ; defect in chimney.

I have also made a schedule of property in the Fire Department, which you will find elsewhere.

You have twelve hundred feet of combination hose, almost worthless—might be used in some cases on a hydrant—and about eight hundred feet of leather hose, old and worn out.

I would recommend the purchase of fifteen hundred feet of good serviceable hose.

A larger supply of water is needed in some localities. There are many points where our department could do nothing to save property from fire.

Our companies are well officered ; let them be encouraged, and the interest kept up.

This report is most respectfully submitted.

J. M. DAVIS, CHIEF ENGINEER.

Rutland, April, 1870.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

ON

EXPENDITURES FOR NEW RESERVOIR,

In 1868 and 1869.

Paid for land.....	\$1,400 00
Procuring and recording deeds.....	8 04
Expenses to Bennington.....	6 00
Stamps and interest.....	1 25
Stationery	1 50
Expenses of Committee to Boston, East Boston, Salem and Beverly.....	116 00
Lumber and brick.....	211 05
Freight bills.....	3 15
Bank Roller.....	272 00
Globe Valves.....	140 00
Iron Pipes.....	513 91
Carts, Harnesses and Repairs.....	512 23
Use of Carts from West Rutland.....	60 00
Tools	222 15
Damage to Mrs. Mullen's garden.....	25 00
Use of Land for Road... ..	25 00
Dirt.	500 00
Stone	600 00
Expenses of Engineer from Boston.....	46 00
Clay.....	128 91
Building wall.....	1,105 40
Labor on Reservoir.....	12,192 21

\$18,089 80

By pay for two old buildings sold..... 50 00

\$18,089 80

I have examined the account of J. M. Hall for disbursements for new reservoir and find he has vouchers for eighteen thousand thirty-nine dollars and eighty cents, bills paid, for which orders have been drawn upon the treasurer.

R. BARRETT, AUDITOR.

Rutland, April 8, 1870.

NICKWACKETT ENGINE CO. NO. 1.

HAND ENGINE—70 MEMBERS.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY.

1 brick house, 1 first-class Cowing machine, 1 hose carriage, 1 hose cover, 250 feet combination hose, 600 feet leather hose, 50 feet three-quarter inch hose, 2 blunderbusses, 8 oil-cloth suits, 1 coal and 1 wood stove and pipe, 2 wool mats, 50 jackets and hats.

WASHINGTON ENGINE CO. NO. 2.

HAND ENGINE—70 MEMBERS.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY.

1 house, 1 first-class Hunneman tub, 1 hose carriage, 350 feet combination hose, 300 feet leather hose, 100 feet three-quarter inch hose, 2 blunderbusses, 2 coal stoves and pipe, 1 wood stove and pipe, 2 torches, 10 rubber suits, 60 jackets.

KILLINGTON STEAM FIRE ENGINE CO. NO. 3.

25 MEMBERS.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY.

1 steamer, second class, Amoskeag Manufacturing Co., one No. 1 hose carriage, 600 feet combination hose, 50 feet leather hose, 2 blunderbusses.

UNION HOOK AND LADDER CO. NO. 1.

32 MEMBERS.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY.

1 carriage, 235 feet of ladders, 2 drag ropes, chains and hooks, 6 fire hooks, 18 fire forks, 2 axes, 4 bars, 1 spade, 1 shovel, 2 lanterns, 2 torches, 10 oil-cloth suits, 1 box stove and pipe, 36 office chairs, 28 uniforms.

BOUNDARIES

OF THE SEVERAL

WARDS OF THE VILLAGE OF RUTLAND.

In pursuance of the second section of the Act of the Legislature of this State, incorporating the Village of Rutland, approved November 9, 1865, the undersigned, trustees of said village of Rutland, hereby define and establish the lines and boundaries of the several wards of said village, as follows:

WARD I.

Beginning at the intersection of the centre line of Main street with the north line of said village; thence running westerly, on the north line of said village, two hundred and forty-six feet; thence southerly, in a line parallel with the centre line of Main street, to the center line of Center street; thence easterly, on the center line of Center street, and in the same course continued to the east line of said village; thence northerly, on the east line of said village, to the northeast corner thereof; thence westerly, on the north line of said village, to the place of beginning.

WARD II.

Beginning in the center line of Center street, at the southwest corner of the first ward, as above defined; thence running southerly, in a line parallel with the center line of Main street, to the south line of said village; thence easterly, on the south line of said village, to the southeast corner thereof; thence northerly, on the east line of said village, to the southeast corner of said first ward, as above defined; thence westerly, on the south line of said first ward, to the place of beginning.

WARD III.

Beginning in the center line of Washington street, at its intersection with the west line of said second ward, as above defined; thence northerly, on said west line of said second ward, one hundred and ninety-eight feet; thence westerly, in a line parallel with the center line of Washington street, to the center line of Wales street; thence southerly, on the center line of Wales street to the center line of Washington street; thence westerly, on the center line of Washington street, and in the same course continued to the west line of the Rutland Railroad land; thence southerly, on the west line of said railroad land, to the south line of said village; thence easterly, on the south line of said village, to the southwest corner of said second ward, as above defined; thence northerly, on the west line of said second ward, to the place of beginning.

WARD IV.

Beginning at the intersection of the center line of West street with the west line of said first ward, as above defined; thence westerly, on the center line of West street, to a

point as far west as the south end of the east line of Cottage street; thence northerly, to and along the east line of Cottage street, and in the same course continued, to the north line of said village; thence easterly, on the north line of said village, to the northwest corner of said first ward, as above defined; thence southerly, on the west line of said first ward, to the place of beginning.

WARD V.

Beginning in the center line of West street, at the southeast corner of said fourth ward, as above defined; thence westerly, on the center line of West street, to the west line of said railroad land; thence easterly and southerly, on the westerly line of said railroad land, to the northwest corner of said third ward, as above defined; thence easterly, on the north line of said third ward, to the center line of Wales street, at its intersection with the center line of Washington street; thence northerly, on the center line of Wales street, one hundred and ninety-eight feet, to the corner of said third ward; thence easterly, on the north line of said third ward, to the northeast corner thereof, in the west line of said second ward; thence northerly, on the west line of said second ward, and the west line of said first ward, to the place of beginning.

WARD VI.

Beginning in the center line of West street, at the southwest corner of said fourth ward, as above defined; thence westerly, on the center line of West street, to the west line of said railroad land; thence westerly, on the southerly line of said railroad land, to the west line of said village; thence northerly, on the west line of said village, to the northwest corner thereof; thence easterly, on the north line of said village, to the northwest corner of said fourth ward; thence southerly, on the west line of said fourth ward, to the place of beginning.

WARD VII.

Beginning at the southwest corner of said sixth ward, being the intersection of the south line of said railroad land with the west line of said village; thence easterly and southerly, on the southerly and southwesterly line of said sixth ward, and on the westerly lines of said fifth and third wards (being the southerly and westerly line of said railroad land) to the south line of said village; thence westerly, to the southwest corner of said village; thence northerly, on the west line of said village, to the place of beginning.

Witness our hands, this twentieth day of April, A. D. 1870.

J. M. HAVEN,
JOHN B. PAGE,
HENRY CLARK,
LORING ATWOOD,
HENRY O. EDSON,
CHAS. F. ADAMS,
E. L. FOSTER,

} Trustees.